

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of cleaning an air gap in a plumbing fixture which has a counter-top access connected by a hose to a drain opening, the hose having a length, the method comprising the steps of:

removing a cap from the counter-top access, exposing a cylindrical fitting having a center tube spaced apart from the cylindrical fitting, the cylindrical fitting being connected to the hose, the hose leading to a drain opening,

providing a cleaning brush having a wire handle which has a length greater than the length of the hose, the wire handle being flexible, a plurality of bristles extending circumferentially outwardly from a first end of the handle,

introducing the first end of the cleaning brush into the space between the cylindrical fitting and the center tube,

fully inserting the cleaning brush into the hose connected to the cylindrical fitting until the bristles on the first end of the cleaning brush exit the drain opening and replacing the cap on the counter-top access.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of repeating the steps and rinsing the cylindrical fitting and the hose.

3. A cleaning brush used in accordance with the method of claim 1, the length of the brush being greater than the length of the hose in the plumbing fixture, the bristles of the brush extending across an inner diameter of said hose..